

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An outsole for a shoe, comprising:

a frame portion covering at least a substantial part of a peripheral area of the outsole, the frame portion ~~composed of~~ comprising a first material; and

at least one insert portion molded to the frame portion, the at least one insert portion ~~composed of~~ comprising a second material;

the insert portion having a surface defining wherein a surface of the at least one insert portion comprises:

a plurality of hollow, air-filled cushioning modules; and

a plurality of hollow, air-filled ribs oriented substantially perpendicular to a heel-to-toe direction of the outsole, the ribs being separate from the cushioning modules.
2. (cancelled) ~~The outsole of claim 1, wherein the frame portion provides stability to the outsole.~~
3. (original) The outsole of claim 1, wherein the first material is a thermal plastic resin (TPR).
4. (cancelled) ~~The outsole of claim 1, wherein the at least one cushioning portion provides a cushioning effect.~~

5. (original) The outsole of claim 1, wherein the second material is a thermal plastic resin (TPR).
6. (original) The outsole of claim 1, wherein the first material has a durometer that is greater than a durometer of the second material.
7. (original) The outsole of claim 1, wherein the first material has a durometer between 40 and 45.
8. (original) The outsole of claim 1, wherein the second material has a durometer between 33 and 35.
9. (cancelled) ~~The outsole of claim 1, wherein the at least one insert portion comprises at least one rib oriented perpendicular to a toe to heel direction of the outsole.~~
10. (original) The outsole of claim 1, wherein the at least one insert portion includes a ball-strike insert portion and a heel-strike insert portion.
11. (currently amended) The outsole of claim 10, wherein the plurality of hollow, air-filled ribs are located in the ball-strike insert portion ~~comprises at least one rib oriented perpendicular to a toe to heel direction of the outsole.~~

12. (cancelled) ~~The outsole of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of cushioning modules is a hollow, molded pod.~~

13. (currently amended) The outsole of claim 1, wherein ~~each~~ at least some of the plurality of cushioning modules have ~~has~~ a diamond shape.

14. (currently amended) The outsole of claim 1, wherein ~~each~~ at least some of the plurality of cushioning modules have ~~has~~ an oval shape.

15. (currently amended) The outsole of claim 1, wherein ~~each~~ at least some of the plurality of cushioning modules have ~~has~~ a flattened pyramid shape.

16. (original) The outsole of claim 1, wherein the frame portion has a rounded peripheral edge.

17. (currently amended) A shoe, comprising:

an upper; and

an outsole attached to the upper, the outsole comprising:

a frame portion covering at least a substantial part of a peripheral area of the outsole, the frame portion comprising ~~composed of~~ a first material; and

at least one insert portion molded to the frame portion, the at least one insert portion comprising ~~composed of~~ a second material;

the insert portion having a surface defining wherein a surface of the at
~~least one insert portion comprises;~~

one or more a plurality of hollow, air-filled cushioning
modules; and

a plurality of hollow, air-filled ribs oriented substantially
perpendicular to a heel-to-toe direction of the outsole, the ribs being
separate from the cushioning modules.

18. ~~(cancelled) The shoe of claim 17, wherein the first material provides stability to the outsole.~~

19. (original) The shoe of claim 17, wherein the first material is a thermal plastic resin (TPR).

20. ~~(cancelled) The shoe of claim 17, wherein the second material provides a cushioning effect.~~

21. (original) The shoe of claim 17, wherein the second material is a thermal plastic resin (TPR).

22. (original) The shoe of claim 17, wherein the first material has a durometer that is greater than a durometer of the second material.

23. (original) The shoe of claim 17, wherein the first material has a durometer between 40 and 45.

24. (original) The shoe of claim 17, wherein the second material has a durometer between 33 and 35.

25. (cancelled) ~~The shoe of claim 17, wherein the at least one insert portion comprises at least one rib oriented perpendicular to a toe to heel direction of the outsole.~~

26. (original) The shoe of claim 17, wherein the at least one insert portion includes a ball-strike insert portion and a heel-strike insert portion.

27. (currently amended) The shoe of claim 26, wherein the plurality of hollow, air-filled ribs are located in the ball-strike insert portion ~~comprises at least one rib oriented perpendicular to a toe to heel direction of the outsole.~~

28. (cancelled) ~~The shoe of claim 17, wherein each of the plurality of cushioning modules is a hollow, molded pod.~~

29. (currently amended) The shoe of claim 17, wherein ~~each~~ at least some of the plurality of cushioning modules have ~~has~~ a diamond shape.

30. (currently amended) The shoe of claim 17, wherein ~~each~~ at least some of the plurality of cushioning modules have ~~has~~ an oval shape.

31. (currently amended) The shoe of claim 17, wherein ~~each~~ at least some of the plurality of cushioning modules have ~~has~~ a flattened pyramid shape.

32. (original) The shoe of claim 17, wherein the frame portion has a rounded peripheral edge.

33. (New) A sole for a shoe, comprising:
an outsole portion having at least a bottom surface for contact with a supporting surface, the outsole portion comprising:
a frame portion covering at least a substantial part of a peripheral area of the bottom surface, the frame portion comprising a first material; and
at least one insert portion covering a second area of the bottom surface, the at least one insert portion comprising:
a second material; and
an upper surface comprising a plurality of concave hollows;
the sole further comprising:
a layer adjacent to at least a substantial part the upper surface of the insert portion such that the plurality of concave hollows are enclosed to form a plurality of hollow, air-filled cushioning modules.

34. (New) An outsole for a shoe, comprising:

a frame portion covering at least a substantial part of a peripheral area of the outsole, the frame portion comprising a selected material with a first density; and

at least one insert portion molded to the frame portion, the at least one insert portion comprising the selected material with a second density different from the first density;

wherein a surface of the at least one insert portion comprises a plurality cushioning modules.

35. (New) An outsole for a shoe, comprising:

a peripheral frame portion comprising:

a first material; and

a first bottom surface; and

an insert portion comprising:

a second material;

a plurality of cushioning modules; and

a second bottom surface;

wherein the first and second bottom surfaces define a bottom surface of the outsole for contact with a supporting surface when in use.